Docket No.: 54913US116

Transmittal of Continuing Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.53(b), please file a <u>continuation</u> application of pending prior Application No. <u>10/669,051</u>, filed on <u>September 23, 2003, now pending, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. <u>10/425,054</u>, filed April 28, 2003, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. <u>10/027,273</u>, filed December 21, 2001, now abandoned.</u>

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 Enclosed is a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.
- 3. Enclosed is a copy of the Specification filed in the prior application which includes:
 - 139 Pages of Specification (including claims and abstract)
 - 14 Number of Claims
 - O Sheets of Drawings
- 4. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. (Not applicable for CIP).
- 5. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 6. This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. Please delete the names of the following person(s) who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application: Stephen L. Crooks, Kyle J. Lindstrom, Bryon A. Merrill, and Michael J. Rice
- 7. The fee for filing this application is computed as follows:

			Claims as Filed	1	
(1) For	(2) Number Filed		(3) Number Extra	(4) Rate	(5) Basic Fee: \$770.00
Total claims	3	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	- 3=	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims				\$290.00	\$0.00
				Total Amount Due	\$770.00

- 8. Please charge to Deposit Account No. 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17, which may be required to file and during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.
- 9. An Assignment

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from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company to 3M Innovative Properties Company has been filed/is being filed concurrently in the prior application but is not yet recorded.

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Recordation Cover Sheet.	

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10.	A Power of Attorney is enclosed. Other enclosures: Enclosed is a return receipt postcard.		
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de	Filing of Papers and Fees by Express Mailing Pursuant to 37 § CFR 1.10, this application and the documents and fees listed on this transmittal letter are being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
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